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Over Venezuelan Presidency.
CARACAS, April 1 (via Willemstal, April 4),—It is reported that President Gomez may turn over the presidency temporarily to J. A. Velutini, Second Vice-President of the republic.
It was believed that Castro, the deposed President, would remain abroad, but when it was known that he is on a steamer bound in the direction of Venezuela, the greatest speculation prevails as to his real intentions. The general opinion in Caracas is that Castro will take up his residence in Trininad and await the most favorable opportunity to start a revolution.

Arranging for Castro.
WILLEMSTAD, April 4.—J. Vallesco Governor of the State of Tachira, and husband of Ex-President Castro's sister, is now on his way from Maracaist to Lagnayra, accompanied by his wife It is believed their visit to Laguayra has to do with the approach of the former President.

THE FRENCH TARIFF

Several Concessions Made in Favor of United States.

PARIS, March 4.—The Tariff Commission, as the result of violent protests from home and foreign interests, especially Emgland, has agreed to certain amendments, covering chiefly the metal and textile schedules. Although the amendments have not yet been made public, it is learned that several notable concessions have been made in favor of the United States. The maximum duty on heavy agricultural machinery and on typewriters has been reduced and the proposed increases on sewing machines have been abandoned. The big increase in the duty on cotton-seed oil has not been changed. The manufacturers who handle cotton-seed oils and other food products intend to carry the fight on this schedule to the foor of the Senate.

"YEGGMEN" ESCAPE

Drill Holes in Jail Floor and Then Use Dynamite.

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 4.—Barber Moore, alias "Tennessee Dutch," and George Barton, alleged yeggmen, who were arrested in Birmingham by post-office inspectors on March 20, on a charge of having committed numerous post-office robberles in this State, escaped from the county fail by dynamiting the floor of the cell early to-day.

They drilled holes in the rock floor of the Jail with a drill made of an umbrella handle, at its believed they had outside help. The night guard declares the men did not pass him, and that he was awake all night indications are that the drilling was done from a cellar under the cell, occupied by the prisoners.

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Fire Breaks Out in Laundry of Okla-homa Insane Aylum.
WOODWARD, OKLA., April 4.—Six hundred insane persons were in dangor of death to-day when fames, starting from a prairie fire, destroyed several buildings/of the State Insane Asylum at Fort Supply.

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The fire broke out in the laundry building shortly after the inmates had returned to their quarters from the noon meal. The asylum fire department was ordered out and every effort was made to conceal from the patients the fact that the building was hurning. A woman, seeing the fire, however, excitedly gave the alarm. Attendants then rushed among their charges and narrowly averted a panic. The fire spread from the laundry to the pharmacy supply building and threatened the asylum itself. The inmates yielded to the entreaties of the attendants and kept good order when the danger was greater.

By hard work the firemen saved the various ward buildings.

There was no loss of life. The stables, laundry, pharmacy and employes quarters were destroyed. The loss is \$75,000.

SMALLPOX IN CITY HALL

Paterson Officials Have a Scare—Ten Cases in the City.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Ten cases of smallpox have appeared in the city of Paterson, N. J., most of which have been traced to that of Mamie Donathue, a silk worker, who entered the City Hall five days ago and asked for medical aid. Smallpox was fully developed in her case and the city of cials were badly scared.

The last person reported sick of the disease is Thomas Phalon, one of the disease is Thomas Phalon, one of the City Hall janitors, who took Miss Donathue to the office of the City Physician.

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Despite persistent questioning as to his course in connection with the offer of the post of ambassador to Great Britain, Dr. Ellot declined to make known what steps he had in contemplation.

Speaking of his Southern tour, Dr. Ellot said that he had had a most interesting and enjoyable trip, and that; he intended to devote some time upon his return to Cambridge to the preparation of a detailed report of the trip from an educational point of view. He was more than ever convinced, he declared, that the great moral uplift in business and public affairs must come from the educated men.

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CHICAGO, ILL., April 4.—An unusual number of questions, affecting vitally number of questions, affect

nessee to have the battleship Mississippi sent to Natchez, Miss., to be presented with a silver service, the gift of the people of the State. The proposition is to have a hearing probably this week before the Secretary of the Navy and other officials of that department.

Opposition has arisen to the intention of the Navy Department to send the battleship Mississippi to Horn Island, on the extreme south of the Mississippi coast on May 11 next to remain there until about the 15th, upon the ground that officials of the Navy Department were averse to having the vessel undergo the danger of crossing the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi River. Those in favor of having her sent to Natchez argue that the vessel can go up the river at least as far as that city, with absolute safety.

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wards the mountain sections of these three States.

A Few Statistics.

In 1908 there were 1.130 illicit stills destroyed, in 1907 there were 1.376; but the returns for the nine months of the presenting one of the candidates, "and in 1906 there were 1.376; but the returns for the nine months of the present fiscal year show a decided in crease in the number destroyed, the big jaw, but that is an insignificant aliment."

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MR. HITCHCOCK ILL

In Critical Condition at Home of His Son-in-Law is Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, former Secretary of the Interior, is critically ill at the home of his son-in-law, Commander W. S. Sims, U. S. N.

Mr. Hitchcock has been confined to his hed for the past two weeks, suffering from heart and kidney trouble, and he has had several sinking spells during the past few days.

ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION

AFTERMATH OF FIRE

Soldiers on Guard and Firemen Are Still at Work.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 4—To a party of small boys and a carelessiy thrown cigarette is generally credited the fire of yesterday, which destroyed property in South Fort Worth valued at \$2,000,000 caused the death of one person, J. J. Newton, a bank employed the serious indury of six others, rendered 300 families homeless and will cause the temporary idleness of several hundred workmen employed in the manufacturing plants and business houses burned.

All of to-day and to-night the burned edistrict is under the guard of State troops to prevent looting, and, although worn out by their continuous labors, the entire fire fighting forces of the city is still engaged in extinguishing, finally, the burning embers which, with the wind still high, spasmodically spring into blaze.

This morning a mass-meeting of citizens was held and relief committees named. However, because of the fact that the burned residence district was populated largely by those in comfort.

The fire started at May and Tucker enting its way through the residence district, after reducing to ashes 300 pretentious dwellings, three church and Baptiet Churches and the Swedish Chapel and the Walker Sanatorium, the fames aprending to the sand building was quickly destroyed, as and Baptiet Churches and the Swedish Chapel and the Walker Sanatorium, the sample ground and the Walker Sanatorium the

Diplomatic Relations With Nicaragua Are Nearing a Crisis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Indications are that the diplomatic relations between this country and Nicaragua are nearing a crisis, resulting from the failure of President Zelaya to adjust the Emery claim.

It would occasion no surprise here if Senor Espinosa, the Nicaraguan minister, should be told by the State Department that the present difficulty has gone beyond the range of diplomatic discussion.

The reticence of the State Department indicates that the situation is grave.

Left Illinois te Join Tennessee Regiment ia Civil War.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. April 4—Major Charles J. Campbell died at his home here this afternoon. He was a native of Illinois. He came South at the outbreak of the Civil War and ioined the Fourtt Tennessee Regiment, serving later on the staff of General Cheatham. His brothers were officers of an Illinois regiment.

COMMITTEE SAYS

made public to-day.

The conclusions of the committee, briefly stated, are that the charges to a great extent are sustained. A notable exception is reported in the alle-gations made during the last cam-paign to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt

gations made during the last campaign to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt coerced certain Federal office-holders into the support of Mr. Taft for Republican nomination. On the contrary, Mr. Roosevelt is credited with having advanced the cause of civil service reform by so amending the civil service rules as to prohibit employes in the competitive service from taking part in political campaigns.

On the broad question of the pernicious activity in politics of Federal office-holders, however, the committee finds that a most undesirable situation exists. Of the more than 300,000 Federal office-holders, one-third are not amenable to civil service classification. The remedy is to be found, the committee believes, in an extension of the classified competitive service and a clearer definition of the executive order governing political activity in the unclassified service. It is also suggested that the civil service commission, or some other body free of departmental dictation, be empowered to investigate cases arising under the executive order.

The following is a synopsis of the report as given out by the committee:

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These were examined and the persons mentioned in them were written to with requests for full information, correction or denial. The replies were carefully inspected and the most important of these cases were followed up by an investigation by an assistant secretary of the league, on the spot. Final drafts of our conclusions were submitted to all officeholders and political leaders who were unfavorably involved.

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Negro Was Then Himself Killed by Train While Escaping.

AUGUSTA, GA., April 4.—During last night Will Frederick, colored, cut Frank Dougherty, colored, killing him At daybreak Frederick, rying to make his escape, was struck by a railroad train and killed. The body was brought back to the city and the coroner heid inquests over the bodies practically not the same time.

Witnesses to the cutting unquestionably put the stabbing erime on Frederick, revenge for the 1998 astault upon him.

DEADLY PISTOL DUEL

Officers Fired On by Man They Were Searching For.

FITZGERALD, GA., April 4.—Robert Gresham was killed early this morning in a pistol duel with Chief of Folice Brubaker and Patrolman Johnson.

The man was being hunted by the officers, and fired upon them from a hiding-place in a dark alley. The officers of Folice, and dresham the competitive service act, and in most cases the city of the Republican party organization in their respective States and frequently resort to unfair means in order to retain their power.

Their support is a tremendous political asset to any candidate for nomination. As the Southern Democratic states have as many votes in the Republican States of equal population, under ordinary circumstances the balance of power in the national convention.

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KENNER, LA. April 4.—The plant and a large quantity of himber of the American Kent Lumber and Brick Company was destroyed by fire here totally day. The loss is \$200,000, partially covered by insurance.

Noted Editor Dead.

PRAGUE, April 4.—Adolf Ritter von Sonnenthal, the noted editor, died here title, swening from apopiexy
Jn 1881, 1883 and 1992. Here yon Sonnenthal, yielted the United States.

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